

Weekly Column for May 29, 2008

It is difficult to believe that when Sunday morning rolls around, June will be here. Talk about a quick moving year.

Of course, if a new month is coming Sunday, that can only mean one thing. Tomorrow is Troy Night Out, and once again there is no shortage of events to take advantage of.

One of our newest businesses, The Paper Sparrow, located in the Market Block on River Street, will be having a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m. I urge everyone to stop by and say hello to Kate and congratulate her on the new business.

Over at the Arts Center of the Capital Region, Troy Night Out will become Kids Night Out. For those interested, there will be a number of nighttime activities including, "Storytime with Ellen Sinopoli," musical performances by Cavanaugh & Kavanaugh, hands-on pottery demonstrations, make and take paper crafts, "Strut Your Stuff" dance for teens, Stained Glass demonstrations and more.

There will also be a reception at the Arts Center from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to honor the volunteers of the Arts Center for those interested in stopping by.

Sticking with the Arts Center for a moment, I am thrilled to once again say that The Arts Center's Streetpainting Competition will make its triumphant return at this year's River Street Festival on Saturday, June 14, 2008. The contest is being sponsored by the City of Troy, River Street Merchants, CDTA, and the Troy Downtown Collaborative.

Adults and Children ages 10 and up will compete for \$1,500 in cash prizes. Half will be awarded by a committee of judges, while the remainder will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category based on votes received by festival goers. Space is limited to 25 artists, so if you are interested, get in now. The applications are on the homepage of this website. Registration is just \$5 and includes chalk.

There will also be a special kids section for all those under the age of ten. Between the River Street Festival, the Flag Day Parade, and the Rockin' On The River concert series June is shaping up to be a great month in Troy.

But first, Troy Night Out! I will see everyone tomorrow. For more information, please head over to www.troynightout.org Have a great weekend!

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